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**From:** Kathleen  
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**Subject:** Please preserve the Clean Water Act

Dear Administrator McCarthy:

San Francisco Bay's waters are under attack, and we need your urgent leadership to preserve federal protection for them.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is poised to relinquish federal Clean Water Act jurisdiction on San Francisco Bay salt ponds at the request of Cargill, the largest private corporation in the United States. Cargill's heavy lobbying of Corps lawyers resulted in an internal legal memo that would reverse decades of federal protection for Bay salt ponds, and upend long-established precedents. That novel, unilateral re-interpretation of the Clean Water Act was created in secret, without EPA consultation, Congressional approval, or opportunity for public input. It's outrageous!

Cargill has brazenly declared it wants to win exemption from the Clean Water Act and other legal protections for salt ponds in Redwood City, California, so it can pave over wetlands to build thousands of homes in the Bay there. But the EPA can still preserve legal protection for the Bay's salt ponds. We urge you to use your authority to prevent the U.S. Army Corps from declining Clean Water Act jurisdiction on Bay salt ponds, and ensure that EPA retains the lead responsibility for evaluating federal protection of these important waters of the United States.

Thank you for taking action,

Kathleen Powell